

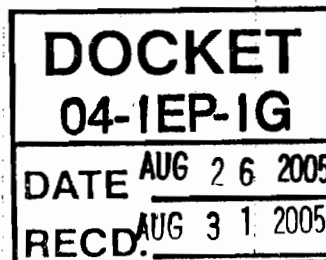


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Dear Mr. Geesman:

Subject: Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area – Avian Issues

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has been involved in discussions for several years on a plan of action to minimize avian mortality in the Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area (APWRA). During this time, the Service facilitated many meetings attended by California Energy Commission (Commission) staff, BioResource Consultants, representatives from the wind energy industry, WEST, Inc., and other interested stakeholders.

These meetings provided a valuable interchange of ideas and concerns from all stakeholders. Commission staff provided regular progress reports, preliminary results, and draft documents related to avian mortality research being conducted in the APWRA. The Service is appreciative of the Commission's role in this process, and we look forward to continued cooperation in the future.

If you have questions or comments regarding this issue, please contact Larry Butcher of my staff at (916) 414-6600.

Sincerely,

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